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Appl. No. 10/610,693  
October 25, 2004

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the amendment filed October 14, 2004, as supplemented above.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-11 remain pending.

As noted in the Remarks submitted on October 14, 2004, the undersigned intended to present allowable claims 9 and 10 in independent form. On review, however, it has been discovered that due to inadvertent error, the limitations of claim 2, rather than claim 7, were incorporated with claims 1 and 8 into claims 9 and 10. Accordingly, claims 9 and 10 have been amended above to delete the limitations of original claim 2 therefrom and to add instead the limitations of original claim 7. Claims 9 and 10 should now be in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable consideration are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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